


Prompt and favorable action on the present application is solicited.

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**Appendix A**  
**Marked-Up Version of Amended Claims**

3. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that the mixing time is 1 to 60 minutes, preferably 5 to 20 minutes.
4. (Amended) Process according to [Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1, characterized in that the catalyst used is a copper catalyst or an iron catalyst.
6. (Amended) Process according to [Claims 1 to 5] Claim 1, characterized in that the mixing of silicon and catalyst takes place at a temperature of from 100 to 400°C, preferably at 130 to 350°C.
7. (Amended) Process according to [Claims 1 to 6] Claim 1, characterized in that the mixing of silicon and catalyst takes place in the presence of hydrogen.
8. (Amended) Process according to [at least one of Claims 1 to 7] Claim 1, characterized in that the reaction is carried out at a pressure of from 1 to 40 bar (absolute).
9. (Amended) Process according to [at least one of Claims 1 to 8] Claim 1, characterized in that the reaction is carried out at temperatures of from 400 to 800°C.
10. (Amended) Process for preparing silane and/or ultrapure silicon, characterized in that the starting material is trichlorosilane obtained according to [at least one of Claims 1 to 9] Claim 1.

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